



TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 6, 1906.

It is reported in Richmond that sentiment in favor of the bill abolishing the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting is gaining support in both branches of the Legislature. It is hoped that this is a mistake and that the bill will be defeated by an overwhelming majority. The chief reason given for the calling of the constitutional convention of a few years ago, was that the affairs of the State might be placed in the hands of an intelligent and patriotic electorate. But for this, the convention would never have been held. Whatever mistake the convention made, it acted wisely in regard to the franchise clauses and these should be left severely alone. In thousands of instances the only tax paid is the capitation tax and this money goes to the support of the public schools. He is a poor citizen indeed, who has not the patriotism to pay a dollar and a half a year to the support of the State government and her schools. Still there are many such and experience has shown that the surest way to collect this tax from such men is to make it a prerequisite to their voting. Other States have adopted this plan and have found it most efficacious and so has Virginia. It is observed that those most anxious for the repeal of the law are the republican members of the Legislature. This is not natural and the democrats should not play into the hands of their opponents. The late Senator Barbour, one of the most astute men who ever represented Virginia in the halls of Congress, once asked, Why change a law that gives us forty thousand majority? and the question has never been satisfactorily answered. Under the new constitution and the franchise clauses thereof, the democrats carried the State by nearly forty thousand majority, so from a party as well as from a patriotic standpoint, the franchise laws should be let alone.

SENATOR PATTERSON yesterday staggered some of his democratic colleagues by introducing a resolution declaring the action of the minority in attempting to compel all democrats to vote against the Dominican treaty, regardless of their convictions, unconstitutional. Of course the republicans are delighted with the situation and will do all in their power to bring about dissension among their democratic colleagues, but the ultimate effect of the resolution is expected to consummate what all the recent years of democratic leadership in the Senate have failed to do; namely, the welding together of the democratic membership into a workable partisan machine. It may cut off as many as five or six independent democrats from the party councils, but it will establish an esprit de corps among the remaining ones which will be valuable to the minority. Some of the democrats predict that Mr. Patterson will land in the republican camp before his term as Senator has expired. If he does he will have boxed the political compass, for he has been a republican, a democrat, a populist and a free silverite.

IN A SPEECH delivered by Governor Folk, of Missouri, before the 500 members of the Boston Merchants' Association January 20, there occurred a number of pointed epigrams, which have been widely copied and discussed. One was that the people of the country are really beginning to try "to get right rather than get rich." Another was that "political parties are beginning to learn that honesty is, after all, the best policy." He said that the people have learned that a grater is a grater still, whether he calls himself a democrat or a republican; that it is more difficult to get good laws enforced than it is to enact them, and that "every law looks blue to the man who wants to break it." It is feared that Governor Folk's wishes are father to his thoughts, for the cold facts are that more men of the present day are trying to get rich than are trying to get right and that while many men may be trying to get right, many others are surely going wrong.

THE NEW YORK Chamber of Commerce committee on finance and currency has reported adversely on Secretary Shaw's recommendation that national banks be permitted to issue, without further deposit of bonds, an emergency currency equal in amount to 50 per cent. of the bond-secured currency they issue, and that the government guarantee such currency. A committee was appointed to confer with financial experts in other cities to devise a currency measure. Secretary Shaw's financial ideas have always been at variance with those of the financiers of the country.

THE oldest two Senators, Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama, have announced their candidacy to succeed themselves. General Pettus is 84, and will be 87 when his term expires in 1909. He served as a lieutenant in the Mexican war, crossed the continent on horseback in 1849 and served through the civil war, becoming a brigadier, later entering the

practice of the law. Senator Morgan is 81, and he also was a Confederate brigadier in the civil war. At the end of his present term in 1907 he will have served thirty years.

A MEMBER of the Legislature who has studied these measures finds that in the aggregate bills introduced thus far for special appropriations ask for \$2,000,000 more than the regular appropriations which total about \$4,000,000. A grab game seems to be going on in Richmond but when one remembers that the State's surplus is only about \$500,000, it can readily be seen that some of the money seeking persons and institutions are liable to be disappointed before the Legislature ends its work.

### From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, Feb. 6.

With the certainty that the Hepburn railroad rate bill will pass the House by an overwhelming vote before the end of the week, the situation in the Senate regarding this proposed legislation is becoming increasingly interesting. In the House the committee which had charge of the measure succeeded in uniting all parties and made a unanimous report. This will not be the case in the Senate committee from which, on February 16, both a majority and minority report will accompany the bill to be presented to the Senate. This alone indicates that there will be a protracted debate on the floor.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be the guests of Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Bonaparte at a state dinner tonight on board the U. S. S. Mayflower. The Mayflower, now commanded by Lieutenant Commander John T. Long, is lying at the navy yard wharf. Among the guests will be Cardinal Gibbons, a close personal friend of the Bonapartes.

The Secretary of the Navy has approved the recommendation of dismissal made by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy in the cases of Midshipman De Saussure, of South Carolina, and Midshipman Melvin, of Illinois, convicted of hazing.

President Roosevelt today made public a letter sent by him to the chairman of the House and Senate committee on naval affairs calling attention to the unsatisfactory features in the present law regarding hazing, which provides for no degrees of punishment less than dismissal. While heartily disapproving of hazing, the President says that dismissal is too severe a punishment for some forms of the offense, while it is scarcely severe enough for such hazing as involves brutal and cruel punishments of other classes. He disapproves of the trial of hazing cases in general by court martial, and thinks that discretionary power of punishment in minor cases should be lodged in some administrative office. He closes the letter with an appeal that the law be remedied.

The examination of former Chief Engineer John F. Wallace, of the Panama canal, was resumed this morning before the Senate committee on interoceanic canals with regard to conditions as he found them on the isthmus when he first went there in June 1904. Lack of proper tools and appliances, he said, had prevented the force then on the isthmus from doing any practical work, prior to his arrival there, that except that in the Culebra cut they were excavating at the rate of about 25,000 cubic yards per month.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, who has been seriously ill with appendicitis, is slightly improved this morning. Peritonitis has developed, but it was said at the Stoneleigh Court, where the Heyburn family reside, that this complication is also less troublesome this morning.

Miss Roosevelt yesterday was informed that the \$25,000 recently appropriated by the Cuban Congress to buy her a wedding gift had been cabled to Paris and would there be expended in the purchase of the finest diamonds which that sum will buy. Emperor William's wedding gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt will be a beautiful, artistically wrought bracelet.

The reappointment of S. Brown Allen to the marshaling of the western district of Virginia is construed as a victory for Colonel Slemph, though he would have it appear otherwise.

Mrs. Anna R. Morris, seventy-three years of age of 605 Ninth street, southwest, dropped dead from heart trouble in a department store at 509 Seventh street, southwest. The store was crowded at the time.

Herbert E. Hannis, of Martinsburg, W. Va., son of former owner of the Hannisville Distillery, committed suicide in this city this morning by taking laudanum.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, introduced a resolution in the House today directing the committee on postoffices and post roads to investigate the recent issue of a fraud order against the Peoples' United States Bank of St. Louis and to report whether the officers of the bank were given an opportunity, prior to its issue, to explain their business methods; whether it was issued in conformity with the laws; whether there should be a reversal of the order, and to suggest amendments, if any be needed, to the laws governing the issue of fraud orders.

President Lincoln in Milwaukee, with side-lights as to the doing of S. V. Davidson, chief captain of industry, is aired in a postal fraud order issued today against the Standard Lead and Zinc Smelting and Mining Company, S. V. Davidson and the Davidson Promoting Company, all of Milwaukee, Wis. Eastern capitalists are said to have been "the goats."

### Fifty-ninth Congress.

Washington, Feb. 6.

SENATE.

The Senate today, immediately upon convening, reconsidered the vote by which two bills, providing for a corps of dental surgeons in the army and to increase the efficiency of the medical corps, were passed. They went to the calendar.

The Tillman resolution directing the committee on immigration to inquire into the Chinese boycott, and to report what remedies it deemed advisable to remove the causes of Chinese hostility, was favorably reported by the committee on contingent expenses, and agreed to without objection.

The question of the rights of a democratic caucus to bind unwilling Senators to oppose the Santo Domingo treaty did not come up in the Senate today, as had been proposed. Mr. Patterson, author of the resolution of condemnation, relinquished the floor to Mr. Bacon, who wished to discuss the Moroccan conference. He gave notice, however, that he would take the floor tomorrow.

HOUSE.

When the House met and before going into committee of the whole to dis-

cuss the Hepburn railroad rate bill, it was agreed that the general debate on the bill shall close at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow. The bill will then be read by sections for amendments and discussed under the five minutes rule. A vote may be reached Thursday.

Mr. Burnett, dem. of Alabama, the first speaker today, favored the bill.

Representative Gillespie, of Texas, author of the resolution calling on the President for information relative to the alleged merger of Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk & Western interest, took the floor in the House today, addressing himself to the Hepburn railroad rate bill, and outlined the course which he proposes to pursue in consequence of the unsatisfactory nature of the reply submitted. He will introduce a resolution directing an investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission which is aimed at the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Hudson River, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Norfolk & Western and Philadelphia and Reading Railroads.

Mr. Stanley (dem. Ky.) charged that the republicans supported the measure "only because the President stands for it, because they are afraid when he shows his teeth, and squirms to get out of the way." He warned them that the oppression brought the horrors of the commune, that "the commune will triumph again," if the people are trodden under foot by "the reign of the power of gold."

### Virginia News.

Sunday night the residence of Mrs. Jennie Hurxthal, in Warrenton, was almost completely destroyed by fire.

The house of Daniel Mullen, about six miles from Fredericksburg, in Spotsylvania county, was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

In a hall hour Sunday \$20,000 was raised toward rebuilding the Newport News Baptist Church, which was recently destroyed by fire.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Julian N. Wilkerson, of Westmoreland county, and Vera F. Rollins, of King George county.

A public meeting of the business men and citizens of Herndon was held last Saturday for the purpose of taking steps toward securing an extension of the Great Falls and Old Dominion railway from Great Falls to Herndon.

Rev. J. M. Anderson, pastor of the Irvington church of the Methodist Conference died Sunday night, after two days' illness of neuritis of the heart. He was in his seventieth year and in the fiftieth year of his service in the ministry.

A young man named Abbot, from Brandy Station, Culpeper county, was painfully hurt by the accidental discharge of a revolver at Calverton Saturday night. The revolver was in the hands of his friend, Neale Bealle. While they were fooling, the pistol was discharged, the ball taking effect in his thigh.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Joseph B. Stewart as collector of customs, district of Richmond, and the following Virginia postmasters: C. H. Rivercomb, Covington; J. M. Griffin, Fredericksburg; C. P. Smith, Martinsville; W. T. Miller, Shenandoah; Edwin M. C. Quimby, Suffolk.

Norfolk grand jury yesterday against Dr. Luther R. Chiles and James Franklin, in connection with the death of Miss Sarah Atkinson. Dr. F. M. Morgan, county coroner, was indicted, charged with performing an illegal operation upon Mrs. Josephine Davis, of Norfolk.

Last night Dr. James L. White, one of the most widely known and popular physicians of Farmville, was waylaid, brutally assaulted and robbed. He was on his way home from his store and had gotten inside his front gate when a man stepped from behind a large oak tree and with a brick felled him to the ground, robbed him and made his escape.

The discovery that arms and ammunition are being smuggled into Finland may lead to diplomatic difficulties between Russia and Sweden. For the first time in history a Jewish instructor has been appointed to the Moscow University. Trainmen refused to carry General Madaroff from Harbin to Vladivostok, where he was to investigate the recent disorders.

The marriage of Dr. J. S. DeJarnette, of Staunton, and Miss Chesney Hopkins, M. D., has been announced to take place Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. Walter Talley, sister of Dr. Hopkins, at Upland, Pa. Dr. Hopkins has been connected with the medical staff of the Western State Hospital at Staunton for 10 years. Dr. DeJarnette has also been connected with the hospital for years.

Rev. H. St. George Tucker left Norfolk Sunday night for New York on the way to Japan to resume his missionary labors. He will sail for Europe on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm and visit his brother, who is a student at Oxford, England. Rev. Mr. Tucker is president of St. Paul's College, at Tokio. He has been on an extended visit to his father, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, of Norfolk.

Jesse Cross, colored, is dead at his home in Suffolk, Va., as a result of a fight with Herbert P. Winborne last week, while Winborne is confined in the county jail awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury. Winborne is a member of the firm of R. N. Powell & Co., grocers and liquor dealers. He had words with Cross over an alleged debt account. It is claimed that Cross started for Winborne with a hatchet when the latter grabbed a four-pound weight and hurled it with much force, striking Cross on the head and crushing the skull.

### Suicide of Millionaire's Wife.

Mrs. Liburn G. McNair, society leader and champion golf player of St. Louis, killed herself at her home yesterday. Mrs. McNair had been under treatment for nervous melancholia for six months. Mrs. McNair's husband, Liburn G. McNair, is the millionaire president of the McNair-Harris Realty Company, of St. Louis. A few minutes before going to her boudoir, with the evident intention of ending her life, she kissed her children good-by and sent them to school. She also bade her husband an affectionate farewell when he left for his office. Mrs. McNair was 34 years of age. She was Miss Minerva Primm, of Belleville, Ill. Her marriage 14 years ago was a great society event. She leaves two daughters.

### The Market.

Georgetown, Feb. 6.—Wheat 62.25

Flour 62.25

Corn 30.00

Oats 20.00

Rye 20.00

Barley 20.00

Beans 20.00

Peas 20.00

Lentils 20.00

Mustard 20.00

Salt 20.00

Sugar 20.00

Tea 20.00

Coffee 20.00

Spices 20.00

Fruit 20.00

Vegetables 20.00

Meat 20.00

Poultry 20.00

Fish 20.00

Butter 20.00

Eggs 20.00

Milk 20.00

Cheese 20.00

Soap 20.00

Candles 20.00

Perfumes 20.00

Drugs 20.00

Medicine 20.00

Books 20.00

Papers 20.00

Stationery 20.00

Printing 20.00

Advertising 20.00

Insurance 20.00

Banking 20.00

Real Estate 20.00

Transportation 20.00

Communication 20.00

Public Works 20.00

Education 20.00

Religion 20.00

Amusement 20.00

Charity 20.00

Justice 20.00

War 20.00

Peace 20.00

Freedom 20.00

Slavery 20.00

Equality 20.00

Inequality 20.00

Unity 20.00

Disunity 20.00

Harmony 20.00

Discord 20.00

Love 20.00

Hate 20.00

Kindness 20.00

Cruelty 20.00

Generosity 20.00

Stinginess 20.00

Humility 20.00

Pride 20.00

Modesty 20.00

Shame 20.00

Honor 20.00

Disgrace 20.00

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